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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please replace the claims, including all prior versions, with the listing of claims below.

Listing of Claims:

- 1. (Previously presented) A method for detecting an object in a door opening of a vehicle, where a vehicle reaction is triggered when a received signal deviates from a setpoint value in a sensor system, and, when the door is closed, an updated setpoint value is determined after the vehicle drives off.
- 2. (Currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the vehicle reaction is triggered in a time period-between closing of the door and an end of a <u>predetermined</u> time period which is selected in a customer-specific fashion and which starts when the vehicle drives off after the door closes.
- 3. (Currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, in which, when a sensor system is configured for learning, continuously changing the power of a transmitter of the sensor system is continuously changed by using an evaluation unit-in a standardization process until the received signal reaches a threshold has a desired quality, the received signal serving as a setpoint value, wherein after the door has been closed during a hold time, the sensor system is deactivated, after a hold time, for at least a customer specifically selected predetermined time period after the vehicle drives off following the hold time, and re-activated again after a short time to trigger a determination of an updated setpoint value in a new standardization process.
- 4. (Currently amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the signal is a wave which propagates in a cavity, and the cavity is located in an elastic section which bounds of a closing surface of the door opening.